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New figures show the recession is a distant memory here

CANTERBURY has beaten the recession and its economy will recover to 2007 levels this year according to a new report.

The South East England Development Agency has said yearly output for the district will equal 2007 levels during 2010 along with Ashford.

The Canterbury area is faring significantly better than other Kent districts – Shepway's economy will only recover in 2014, Swale's in 2015 and Dover's in 2016.

Unemployment is also due to return

EXCLUSIVE

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

to 2007 levels this year along, with Ashford. According to some measures, Maidstone and Swale's unemployment levels will not return to pre-recession levels until after 2025.

Kent's unemployment levels are also not expected to return to 2007 levels until 2012 to 2014.

Dawn Hudd, local economy manager for Canterbury council, said: "The data was pulled together by Experian

earlier this year. With any statistics, when you get down to city and town level, you have to be very careful about how you interpret it and these are only estimates.

"Having said that, it is positive and it is not anything I would not have expected because Canterbury, if you look back over history, in times of recession or economic downturn doesn't fare too badly.

"That is because we have always had strong employment in the public sector. Of course that could turn against us because the public sector

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STUNNING SHOTS AT HORSEBRIDGE

This stunning picture of an Afghan tribesman is part of a new exhibition at the Horsebridge in Whitstable.

Entitled 'From Playing Field to Battlefield' it focuses on the work of four professional photographers who have covered everything from war to sport.

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Bay flooding was preventable says water firm

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

FLOODING that damaged 60 homes in Herne Bay could have been prevented, Southern Water has admitted.

The company says a valve on an emergency outlet pipe at the King's Hall Pumping Station should have been open, but was actually closed.

The problem meant storm water from the heavy rainfall was not let out to sea, as it should have been.

Instead the water backed up in the sewerage system until it overflowed and flooded houses and businesses in Herne Bay.

Chris Dawson was spending her first night at home after surgery when raw sewage started flowing into her ground floor flat on Central Parade.

Ms Dawson, who is uninsured, has been told she cannot keep anything because of sewage contamination, including irreplaceable family photos and her mother's ashes.

She said: "I said to my mum, you'll come with me wherever I go. That's not going to happen now."

Melvyn Pankhurst, also of Central Parade, is insured. He said: "I'll give the water company their due, they held their hands up straight away and rang me the very next day, but it's still aggravation."

Many of those affected have formed a campaign group called Herne Bay Flood Action Group (FLAG). It is chaired by David Shortt of Mortimer Street, whose cellar was flooded.

He said: "It is quite good news the water company has been upfront, because on previous occasions they



DAMAGE: Melvin Pankhurst in his kitchen

have used all the wriggle-room they possibly could to avoid admitting it.

"On the other hand, admitting it is one thing but admitting liability is another. There are an awful lot of people around here who have lost huge amounts of stuff."

Southern Water's director of customer services, Kim Salmon, said: "Firstly, I want to once again say sorry to all those who were affected by the flooding. Our immediate priority remains to complete a full clean-up and help everyone get back to normal."

"We have been able to find out why there was flooding, although we still need to establish why the valve was shut."

"We'd like to assure customers we're doing all we can to avoid a repeat occurrence. The flooding in 2005 and 2008 was unrelated to the incident last month."

Southern Water has said it is speaking to those affected by the flooding as well as their insurance companies about what can be done to repair the flood damage.

City 'well-placed to cope with job cuts'

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cutbacks could impact quite hard on Canterbury. So what has been our strength could be a weakness for us over the next five or six years.

"Our challenge is going to be reducing the impact of public sector cuts. We are looking at strategies at the moment for that."

"Unemployment is still higher than it was pre-recession, but it is still relatively low at about 2.3 per cent, which is below the national average and fourth-lowest in Kent."

Paul Barrett is managing director of Barretts of Canterbury Ltd and chairman of Canterbury4Business.

He said: "There is no doubt there are some challenges ahead, because our large public sector could be a risk. But there are lots of other good indicators which suggest Canterbury is well-placed to mitigate any losses that happen in the public sector."

The report said that, in the Canterbury district, there were still 3.3 to four people on the dole per job vacancy this summer.

Football flight drunks' suspended sentences

TWO drunks who stole from a pub safe intending jet off to the World Cup in South Africa have had their wings clipped by magistrates.

Barman Michael Frampton, 20, and regular customer George Warner, 27, were boozing with the landlord at the Wall pub in Whitstable when they decided to steal £5,773 from the safe after he went to bed.

They planned to see the England-Germany match and were nabbed at Gatwick after buying tickets to fly to Turkey. They were so drunk they originally tried to fly from Manston, which doesn't offer long-haul passenger flights.

Canterbury Magistrates gave Frampton, of Nightingale Avenue, Whitstable, a 120 day jail sentence, suspended for 18 months, an 18 month supervision order, a six month alcohol treatment order and a six month curfew. Warner, of Argyll Road, Whitstable, was given 90 days in jail suspended for a year, a 12 month supervision order, alcohol treatment plus a three month curfew. Both men were ordered to pay £904.54 compensation.

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Dam Buster's book for auction

RARE Dambusters memorabilia is expected to fetch huge prices when it goes up for auction.

The lots include a book about the raid owned by Flying Officer Brian Goodale, of the famed 617 Squadron.

It is signed by many of those who flew against German dams armed with the bouncing bombs, which were developed off the Kent coast at Reculver.

Goodale, known as Concave, was the only wireless operator awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and bar during World War Two.

He was a member of the AJ-L Leather crew and survived the first wave of attacks on the Eder dam.

After the war he became a salesman, went to Northern Ireland and stayed at the Devonshire Hotel.

One night he vanished, leaving his belongings and an unpaid bill.



He died in Cambridge Hospital in 1977.

Now, 42 years later, that hotel bill is to be repaid in full, as Goodale's copy of The Dam Busters by Paul Brickhill, made immortal when director Michael Anderson used it as the basis for his 1955 film starring Richard Todd, is among the books to be offered in the two-day sale at the

Canterbury Auction Galleries.

The book, pictured, is signed by most of the heroes involved in the raids on the German Ruhr dams, including bouncing bomb inventor Barnes Wallis.

Vanessa Farnham, 58, whose parents owned the Devonshire Hotel, now lives in Whitstable. She remembers the tall, cultured Goodale.

She said: "He lodged with my parents on a weekly basis. He went home one weekend but never returned, leaving the bill unpaid."

"He left all his belongings, including the book, which just went on to the hotel bookshelf."

The book has been valued at £800 but could go for even more if a true Dambusters collector is in the crowd.

The Canterbury Auction Galleries sale is on Tuesday and Wednesday September 14 to 15.

Ring kept safe through the Holocaust is stolen

EXCLUSIVE

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

A RING whose owner managed to hold on to it through the horror of a Nazi concentration camp has been stolen.

The ring was kept safe all through the Second World War, despite its owner being sent to a concentration camp, and it has been passed through the family for years to its current owner, 19-year-old, Amy Brooks, a student in Canterbury.

But on Tuesday, September 7, between 7pm and 11.55pm, a thief took advantage of an open window in her flat in Forrester Close, and stole the ring when Miss Brooks went into her kitchen for 15 minutes to make tea.

She said: "I have been absolutely devastated by this. I come from a really safe town in Hertfordshire and this never ever happens there. I am terrified to be in my room.

"I feel very sad and quite empty. To have the ring taken was just disastrous. I wore it every single day.

"I am almost considering dropping out of university because I feel unsafe. If I could meet the thief I would explain the story of the ring and say to them, did you really consider who I might be or where the ring came from?"

"It's the only thing we have left – we don't have anything else that goes further back than that because everything was taken by the Germans. I feel I have let everybody down."



Miss Brooks' family used to live in Lodz, Poland. After the Nazis invaded, up to six million Poles were slaughtered, three million of them in concentration camps.

A blue stone, which would later become the ring, was owned by Miss Brooks' great aunt, whose brothers were murdered and father was forced into slave labour by the Nazis.

Miss Brooks said: "My great aunt was caught stealing food for her family and other people, and they put into a concentration camp, but remarkably she was not killed. Very rarely did people survive for doing such things.

"The rock was somehow protected. Some people say she took it with her to the concentration camp, some say my great grandmother had it. No-one is really sure. Everything but this stone was taken."

Miss Brooks' great aunt was kept in Lodz, then Auschwitz, and later in Germany. After the war the stone was made into a ring.

Anyone who has been offered the ring, or has any helpful information should call police on 01622 690 690 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



DEVASTATED: Student Amy Brooks wearing the stolen ring, which is pictured in more detail above left

Warning after purses are stolen

PICKPOCKETS have been targeting purses in women's handbags in the district, according to police.

On Friday afternoon, six purses were stolen – two in Whitstable, two in Herne Bay and two in Canterbury.

The purses were taken in daylight in busy areas, often when the targets, aged between 23 and 80, were distracted.

One woman noticed her purse was missing after two other women bumped into her.

Another left her bag unattended after coins fell to the floor and she stopped to pick them up.

Police believe the same group may be responsible for all the crimes. Sergeant Graham Todd said: "We believe they are connected and the group may have travelled by car from one town to the next.

"People need to take care to keep their purses and bags safe and secure. They should also be aware of people who might try various tactics to distract them."

Crash pilot saved by dredger crew

A MICROLIGHT enthusiast who crashed into the sea just before sunset was "lucky" to have been rescued by a passing dredger.

The Herne Bay man crash-landed off the Deal coast at 7pm and was spotted by the Britannia Beaver. The crew managed to throw a rope and rescue the microlight pilot who was taken to hospital and treated for hypothermia.

A spokesman for Dover Coastguard said: "It was lucky for him they were there. It was getting dark and if you go adrift in the dark it is difficult to get back again."

Cars for sale are set alight

ARSONISTS are targeting cars on sale in lay-bys on the Old Thanet Way.

Since July 1, seven cars have been deliberately set on fire and vandalised.

Herne Bay station manager Peter Orton said: "We have noticed owners have been leaving their vehicles, which are for sale, in the lay-bys on the Old Thanet Way for potential buyers to see.

"Quite often these cars are left parked up for long periods of time, and they can become targets for mindless vandals and arsonists.

"We are concerned that, as the trend to advertise cars for sale on this road grows, the number of incidents we are called out to will increase.

"Furthermore, we are extremely worried one of these fires will get out of control and threaten nearby residents' lives and homes.

"Deliberate fire-setting is a very serious and malicious action which puts enormous demands on fire-fighting resources. These incidents have the potential to divert our crews from other incidents such as car crashes or house fires.

"We are warning deliberate fire-setters that, if they are caught, they face fines or several years in jail – possibly a life sentence if someone is killed as a result of their actions."

Multiplex plan to replace lost school

KINGSMEAD could get a cinema instead of a school, if the council opposition's plans go ahead.

The former football stadium site, which has been earmarked for development, had a space set aside for a new primary school, which Kent County Council has recently withdrawn funding for.

The council's contingency plan is to sell off the school land so developers could build housing on it.

The development brief states: "In the event the development of a new primary school is not progressed, then further residential development would be appropriate."

Tomorrow, the council's Executive will consider offering the land on the open market for housing.

But at a Canterbury Area Member Panel Meeting of the city's councillors on Monday, Liberal Democrat councillors came up with a new idea.

Opposition leader Alex Perkins said: "The committee supported a proposal from me that the Executive be asked not to tender for sale for housing the area which was offered to KCC for a school.

"We asked that other options be considered first.

"One of the suggestions I made

was that we offer that piece of land to a multi-screen cinema developer at the same reduced price we had offered it to Kent County Council for.

"While we would prefer a new school, that having failed as Kent County Council withdrew, we thought the public would like to see a multiplex and that it would help to kick-start the development."

Abstained

All Liberal Democrat councillors at the meeting voted in support of the plan, while all the Conservatives abstained, meaning the motion was passed.

The primary school was to be built to replace two existing schools in poor accommodation.

During the meeting Cllr Perkins said: "For about 15 years we were working with Kent County Council trying to get a new school in the Kingsmead area to replace two schools which are very old, and certainly not buildings you would want to put a school in now.

"Are we simply just going to accept we are going to have large numbers of young children entering education in buildings that simply are not fit for use?"

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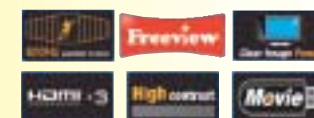
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Drug importer jailed following global manhunt

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

AN international cocaine trafficker has been sent to prison for seven years after a three-year worldwide manhunt.

Louis Bridgen, 47, of Ware, Hertfordshire, was sentenced at Canterbury Crown Court on Tuesday, September 7. He was initially caught after Kent Police found his DNA on a parcel containing a kilogramme of pure cocaine posted to Canterbury in March 2005.

The court heard Bridgen flew to Los Angeles at least 16 times between July 2003 and January 2006, and then couriered many kilos of cocaine back to the UK.

Police and customs officials discovered two of the packages with cocaine inside. Two kilos worth of the drug were found in July 2003, and two more in December 2004. The total of the cocaine found by police would have a street value of £420,000.

In January 2006, Kent Police's Serious Organised Crime Unit searched Bridgen's home in Hertfordshire. They found 182 grams of cocaine worth £5,000 and £12,300 cash, and arrested the drug importer.

Bridgen was bailed but he ran away almost immediately, triggering an international manhunt. He was found in July 2009 by Thai police who arrested him when he did failed to pay a \$20 bar bill in Pattaya, Thailand and then gave a false name, which aroused suspicions.

The drug trafficker was extradited back to the UK in March 2010 and went on trial in Canterbury Crown Court.

On Wednesday, May 26, he pleaded guilty to knowingly being concerned in the importation of cocaine between July 2003 to July 2006 with intent to supply.

DI Eddie Fox, from Kent Police's Serious and Organised Crime Unit, led the investigation.



MANHUNT: Cocaine importer Louis Bridgen

He said: "Bridgen thought he was being clever by posting the drugs to addresses in the UK, but the packages were intercepted and we were able to identify him as being responsible.

"Following his initial arrest he absconded and fled to Thailand where he thought he was beyond the reach of British justice, but one minor incident in Thailand resulted in his arrest, and many uncomfortable months in a local prison.

"The Thai authorities worked together with Kent Police to secure his extradition back to the UK.

"This enquiry spanned three continents and this sentencing is a very satisfying conclusion for us.

"The message to anyone considering fleeing justice is that if you do go, you will spend all the time looking over your shoulder in the knowledge that we will hunt you down, wherever you are."

Affordable homes scheme completed

NEARLY 50 people on Canterbury council's housing need register will get new homes, thanks to a recently-completed development.

The £11 million scheme at Kingsbrook Park, near Kingsmead Road, contains 80 affordable homes. The other 32 homes are part of a part-buy, part-rent scheme for people who cannot afford a full mortgage.

There are currently nearly 4,000 people on the council's housing need register.

The houses were built with help from a £4 million grant from the government's Homes and Communities Agency.

Akin Durowoju, from the agency, said: "There is a great need for new and affordable homes in the area.

"This development gives the Canterbury community an opportunity to take advantage of a property with a reduced rent, or even step on the housing ladder through the shared ownership scheme."



CELEBRATION: Cllr Tony Austin, Tim Warren from Town & Country and Alisdair Chant from Berkeley Homes plant a Himalayan birch to celebrate the finished project

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Buses come round quicker

TRAVELLERS taking the bus to Herne Bay and Whitstable will soon have to wait no more than 10 minutes.

Bus operator Stagecoach is increasing the number of buses on the Triangle route from four to six per hour on weekdays and Saturdays, and on Sundays there will be a bus every 15 minutes from most stops.

Broomfield routes 4 and 6 and Greenhill routes 4A and 6A and the university will still have two buses per hour.

The £850,000 project funded by Stagecoach and Kent County Council and meant buying three new buses. Stagecoach bought 21 new buses for £3.2 million earlier in the year.

Phil Medlicott, regional managing director, said: "We are delighted to work in partnership with Kent County Council on this project designed to benefit existing users and encourage more people to use the service."

Palace duty for regiment

OUR boys will be swapping battle dress for Buckingham Palace after five years overseas.

The 2nd Battalion of the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment, Canterbury's home regiment, will return to England to guard the Queen outside St James' Palace, Windsor Castle, the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace.

The Canterbury and Whitstable infantrymen spent two and a half years in Northern Ireland followed by two and a half years in Dekhelia, Cyprus where they were the reserve battalion for Afghanistan.

Now they will spend two years in the Artillery Barracks in Woolwich, south east London, where they will play a ceremonial role, as well as vital security work for HRH.

Crash victim cut from car

A CRASH victim had to be cut out of her car on Friday after it hit a tree near Broad Oak.

The Ford Ka crashed near the level crossing on the Broad Oak Road near Canterbury at 8.30am. The passenger was thought to have fractured her pelvis and leg and the female driver sustained head injuries.

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Mark Jones is an army photographer with 10 years' experience covering theatres of war, and Ady Kerry began as an RAF photographer and is now a sports photographer.

Award-winning sports photographer John Gichigi recently retired from Getty Images after 30 years, 10 Olympic games and several boxing title fights.

Tom Lloyd has retired from his job as a top army photographer and now enjoys taking landscapes and seascapes of New Zealand. Barry Goodwin spent 14 seasons covering Formula One.

The exhibition, called 'From playing field to battlefield', will be running at the Horsebridge Gallery from Wednesday, September 29 to Tuesday, October 5



CAUGHT ON CAMERA: A New Zealand scene by Tom Lloyd, Mark Jones's study of an Afghan man, Ady Kerry captures the Argentinian women's hockey team celebrating on pitch, boxing action caught by John Gichigi, and a calendar shot by Barry Goodwin



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JOE PASQUALE



Q Since leaving the Jungle in I'm a Celebrity you have taken up quite a few hobbies - what are they?

A Well, I still go boxing four times a week, and of course I've got my pilot's licence, but I've now taken up running and am planning on taking part in next year's London Marathon. I'm currently running ten miles 3 or 4 times a week. I also go to the gym to work out with the pro boxers.

Boxing's a great thing, it teaches you how to deal with your aggression; let it go, and then stop. But I'm not an aggressive person at all; if I'm sparring with someone at the gym I find myself apologising to them, even though you shouldn't say 'sorry' in a boxing ring!

I have also started painting, which I haven't done since I was a kid.

Q You worked your way up in showbiz through working as a comic at Pontins, but you also appeared on New Faces. What do you think of TV talent shows?

A I think they're a gift, but it depends which way you look at it. Richard Holloway, the producer of Britain's Got Talent, was the producer of New Faces when I did it, and executive producer when I was doing The Price Is Right.

People like Richard and Simon Cowell have discovered that there are as many nutters around now as there were 20 years ago, and I was one of them, and there was just as much entertainment value in watching the auditions as the actual show.

Britain's Got Talent isn't that different from New Faces or Opportunity Knocks, in that they turn it round and show you the audition process.

If you put yourself up for these talent shows, you know what you're doing, and everyone wants their 15 minutes of fame.

Q Do you still like touring?

A I love the gigs, but the travelling is horrendous. We were playing Dudley, which is a two-and-a-half hour drive from my house, but which took 11 hours after we got stuck on the M25.

The travelling and hotels can be a nightmare - you are up until 2am to drive to the next gig, which is always great, but the travelling there isn't.

Q Who are your big comedy influences?

A I was lucky enough to know Bob Monkhouse, and was close to him at the end. He was a great influence in my life and my attitude to the business. He was a gentleman, with not a bad word to say about anyone. I did New Faces, and he asked me around and helped me get on to other shows. Like him, I'd rather be liked.

I also like Steve Martin; he was the first to do that random, anarchic kind of comedy, and a genius at stand-up, and then packed it in.

Q But you still enjoy performing...

A Yes, and if you don't, you have to remind yourself why you came into the business in the first place - the answer should never be for the money, but just for the job. Nobody ever starts doing it just for the money; I think there must be something wrong with comics who want to get on stage and say 'please love me', what's the need that makes you want to do that?

But I intended to be an actor, really, and I did a play recently with Stephen Berkoff for two nights at the New End Theatre in Hampstead.

Q Tell me about the new tour?

A Well it's called the ESP Tour and it features all sorts of craziness and a bit more of the ESP stuff. I've always been quite intrigued by that sort of thing and the way mind readers use it - but I just take the mick out of it and people love it.

My favourite bits of the show are always the bits with the audience. To be honest, it's not something I really believe in, though.

Comedian Joe Pasquale is set to appear at Centrail Hall, Chatham, on October 10, before further dates on October 15 at the Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, October 17 at the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells and November 8 at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford.

Q & A

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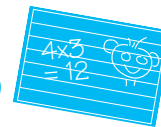


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BREAK TIME

Chivalric diplomat joins Christ Church

A NOTABLE cultural diplomat is the new vice-chancellor at Christ Church University.

Dr Robin Baker CMG, who has been appointed to the chivalric order of St Michael and St George for his services to foreign countries, was previously director general of the British Council.



NEW: Dr Baker

Peter Hermitage, chair of the university's governing body, said: "It is vital we have a person with experience, vision and the determination to build upon our past success."

"I very much look forward to Dr Baker's leadership of the dedicated team of people that makes up Canterbury Christ Church University."

University degrees for professionals

EMPLOYERS should consider sending staff to the University of Kent, according to the institution.

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The university's Dr Christine Eastman said: "Our students learnt how to use time effectively, think critically, read closely and present their research to others – all skills any company would like to enhance within its workforce."

Campaign calls for adults to support school gardens

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

FRIENDS, families and the community can support their schools by helping them grow their own garden.

More than 20 primary schools and two secondary schools in the area have signed up to the Get Your Grown-ups Growing scheme. During October, schools in Herne Bay, Canterbury, Whitstable and the villages will hold events for parents, grandparents and others.

Adults will be able to join their children in improving school gardens. The Royal Horticultural Society, which is organising the scheme, has sent out guides, activity ideas, seeds, posters and stickers to schools.

Parents and others from the area will be able to build raised flower and vegetable beds, decorate flowerpots, create ladybird homes and make hanging baskets and floral displays.

The aim is to get more children to care for the environment around them and lead healthier lifestyles, but some schools still do not have gardens and need help building them.

Sue Biggs, director general at the Royal Horticultural Society, said: "We know gardening offers children lots of benefits and helps to really bring out the best in them, which is why we launched our scheme."

"We are thrilled so many schools across the UK have signed up to hold events in October. Now teachers are starting to plan the activities it is important to remember that, to make the events a real success, they will need the



GROWING UP: The RHS is encouraging gardening in schools, enjoyed here by Langton during a citizenship lesson

support of local adults.

"That does not just mean mums and dads but grandparents, family friends, local gardening enthusiasts and nearby businesses. We urge everyone to get in touch with their local

school, find out if they are holding an event, and get the date in their diary."

Schools that take part have a chance to win a greenhouse and planters. Schools can still register at www.rhs.org.uk/gvgg.

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YOUR LETTERS

Surely she should go back to her country

I don't want to sound callous, but regarding your page 2 story last week, why doesn't Andreea just return to Romania and her family?

There are plenty of people in this country with no job, and while I



sympathise with her plight – it does sound like she has had a raw deal – there are lots of British people in similar situations. At least back home she could be with her son.

Why is she so desperate to stay on in Britain? There obviously are not jobs here either.

Name and address withheld

We're no longer in the land of plenty

Your story on page two illustrates exactly what Damian Green is talking about.

I am sorry to hear about the hardships Andreea is facing, but I don't think foreign students who come over here to study should have any expectation – or right – to remain here when their course is over. Obviously if they can find a job, which is proving difficult for many UK graduates as it is, then that is different, but Britain is no longer the land of plenty it once was, and the fact that many Polish workers are now going home is testament to this.

Things are not as rosy as they once were for anyone, and I think foreign migrants are realising this.

James Barlow,
Herne Bay

Game 'superfood' in the shooting season

October 1 heralds the official start of the pheasant shooting season. As the season gets into full swing, there will be plenty of affordable, locally-sourced and tasty game meat available. Described by TV chef Mike Robinson as a "superfood", it is healthy, sustainable and highly nutritious. The popularity of game has been increasing over recent years and independent market researcher Mintel says annual sales should reach more than £84 million by next year.

The UK's largest shooting organisation, the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) runs an innovative game promotion campaign which we have extended this year due to popular demand. Watch out for events taking place as part of BASC's National Taste of Game Fortnight, from November 6-20. Shoot providers spend £250 million a year on conservation and

your blogger

The new Government's planned education shake-up is welcome, says Gary Wright...



NOW the exam celebrations are over and students are settling down to a new academic year, it's time for a little reflection.

I have already written extensively about the A-level mania that grips this country as our 18-year-olds are propelled through the system towards a university place, a potentially useless degree and a £20,000 debt.

So too our GCSE system, where schools' success is judged by the number of pupils who attain five or more grade Cs or above in any old subject, even though a mere five grade C GCSEs don't get the pupil anywhere.

The class of 2010 was, according to educationalists, another bumper year for even better qualifications, both at GCSE and A-level.

So, now that the back-patting is over, I thought it worth a closer look at the facts behind the euphoria.

Academic qualifications in core subjects have fallen. Fact. Non-academic qualifications were allowed parity with academic GCSEs from 2004, thanks to Blair's mob. So 'computer skills', 'sports leadership' and certificates of 'personal effectiveness' were given parity with traditional subjects on those all-important league tables.

Understandably, the average teenager chose those easy subjects over science, history and languages. So too the schools, with that ever watchful eye on league tables. Figures show an amazing 2,300 per cent rise in the number of pupils choosing non-academic qualifications in six years.

Last year, 64,000 16-year-olds took a 'first award in IT', seen as equivalent to a GCSE, but taking a lot less time to teach. Did these schools push their students to

take it just to boost their league table points? Oh, I think so. Meanwhile 44,000 fewer children took a science or an additional science compared with the previous year. And French dropped out of the top ten GCSEs for the first time (Labour decided it was no longer compulsory for 14 to 16-year-olds in 2004).

Today, only 15 per cent of our 16-year-olds achieved what can be described as good GCSE results in English, maths, science, foreign languages and humanities.

So three cheers for our new leaders, who have decided to look again. With the launch of the English Baccalaureate from next year, pupils will be able to gain it only by getting C or above in five subjects including English literature, maths, a science, a foreign language and one humanity (including history, geography, art or music).

So employers will really understand the academic ability of youngsters (universities won't care, so long as they can keep taking at least £3,000 a year).

Asian countries are outstripping the UK in scientific learning and education minister Michael Gove says he is determined to "introduce more young people to the best that has been thought and written".

It signals an end to school league tables and a simple recognition of success in core subjects. We will have the White Paper this autumn and can expect a lot of heckling from Labour and heads who fear they won't be able to find enough teachers of the right calibre to match their successes with easy GCSEs.

I share the latter fear, too, but commend the return to proper education, which stops the slide toward 'qualifications', which are no such thing.

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shooting is involved in the management of two-thirds of the rural land area. So if you fancy trying game and would like some more details and some easy recipes, visit www.gameson.org.uk.

Debbie Collins, British Association
for Shooting and Conservation

Nothing to stop lad looking at options

Yourblogger Gary Wright talks a lot of sense, but you miss one point.

While schools may not allow colleges to attempt to spirit away their funding, there is presumably no ban on 15 and 16-year-olds having a look for themselves at what colleges have to offer.

I can't believe that no-one, including the lad's parents, had no idea at all that he might not do well at maths, so why weren't they looking at the options?

It's too easy to let the school lead the way.

Let's face it, your own assertion that five GCSEs ain't up to much is a good indication of how academic you need to be to get a D in maths. If that's you, then get out there and look at the vocational courses on offer elsewhere.

M Triggs, comment on web blog

• And it's easy to blame the parents. Of course options are available and parents educate their children themselves.

However, schools have a duty of care to their students and this means they should be accessible by all relevant organisations. I would support proper consistent careers advice through secondary schools and an open door policy rather than what currently is in place.

Secondary schools need to realise they are dealing with individuals not numbers.

Sue Cross, comment on web blog

• It's always the responsibility of the parents when it suits the school.

Schools have a duty of care, after all we entrust them with a very special commodity – don't we?

Mrs S Payne, comment on web blog

• The major problem is that most teachers (not all) have only an academic background – been to school, been to college, back to school – and have had no relationship to the workplace in the real world and only recognise an academic qualification as being worthy, as this the route they have taken.

A young man from a grammar school came to us on work experience and it came out in conversation that a teacher who was also the careers advisor, was just out of university and only 22 years old. What experience did she have to be able to give advice to young people?

My son who went to a secondary school and as a teenager would

have never been able to cope, academically and emotionally, at grammar school.

He went to technical college and entered an electronics Btec course. He left at the end of the course with the qualification and was accepted by the BBC as an engineer, went on to become an engineering manager for the BBC and at 34 took an external university degree in music and now has BA Hons after his name.

Education continues after school, as does the development of young people, and often it is the wrong decision to force children into an academic path rather let them grow at their own rate. Too much is put on them by schools and parents to aim for a degree course rather than allowing them to blossom at their own rate.

What's wrong being a plumber, a carpenter, a mechanic or an electrician, if they are good at that and contributing to society?

We have too many people with degrees and no work, and not enough people who can do the more practical work we all need done.

Bootneck, by email

Youngsters miss out on natural contact

Kent's younger generation is missing out on childhood experiences of nature their parents and grandparents enjoyed, according to research by the RSPB.

It marks the launch of Every

Child Outdoors, the RSPB's report into the relationship between children and nature. People were asked which of 12 outdoor experiences they remembered having as a child.

For men it was climbing trees (80 per cent), building a camp or den (77), and collecting and playing conkers (75). For women it was making a daisy chain (80 per cent), feeding the birds (67) and collecting and playing conkers (66).

However, the research showed that significantly fewer 15 to 34-year-olds had these kinds of childhood experiences compared with those aged over 55.

To many, it would seem obvious that a crucial part of childhood is exploring the world around you.

Unfortunately, this is far from the case and the amount of time and contact children are having with nature is declining.

Growing evidence shows the diverse and positive impacts of contact with nature on a child's education, health, wellbeing and social skills – as well as the benefits to the environment. At the same time there has been a decline in these opportunities with negative consequences for children, families and society.

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The RSPB has more than a 40-year history in getting children outdoors and is committed to continuing to play our part.

We also need government and schools to recognise the crucial role the public believes they should play in enabling all children to experience, enjoy and benefit from contact with the natural environment.

There is overwhelming support for getting every child outdoors, with 92 per cent of the public agreeing that experiences of nature are still important to children today. A study by Ofsted found schools relied heavily on financial contributions from parents and carers to meet the costs of school trips and visits.

The RSPB is concerned that children from poorer backgrounds miss out on these experiences.

We believe all children should have equal opportunity to experience nature.

More than 290,000 people have signed the RSPB's Letter to the Future which calls on greater investment in nature and inspiring children to protect it.

Sophie McCallum, RSPB

Cute newcomers spotted

Picture: NEVILLE BUCK



TWO rare clouded leopards have been born at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park.

The cubs – pictured above – join mum and dad, Thyto and Aston, and sister, Phaya.

Their gender is yet to be identified, but at just three weeks old the cubs have been caught on camera by keeper Neville Buck.

He said: "We're really pleased with the birth of Thyto's fourth litter, it's an important

step in conserving this beautiful species. I was able to check the pair and take photos when Thyto was feeding. They should start to explore the outside world at about six weeks."

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Viola player performs

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The concert is at the Alexander Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday, September 25. Tickets cost £10 from Faversham Information Centre.

Pianist to open festival

PIANIST Annabelle Lawson opens the Deal Festival of Music and Arts' autumn concert series at 7.30pm on Friday.

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Author discusses book

MEET the author of Major Pettigrew's Last Stand when she visits Dover on Monday.

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Orchestra sails in to honour Chopin

DFDS SEAWAYS UNDER THE FLAG OF CHOPIN

Thursday, September 16,
Dover Harbour and Dover Town Hall



SOME special musical guests will be arriving in Kent in spectacular style tomorrow.

To mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of composer Chopin, the Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra is paying a visit to Dover to perform a special concert. But they will be travelling across the seas in eye-catching fashion, aboard Dar Młodzieży.

The three-mast frigate is a Polish sailing training vessel designed by Zygmunt Choren and launched at the Gdansk Shipyard in 1982.

During the day, visitors will be able to visit the ship, which was built for around the world trips and can stay at sea for up to 60 days. The ship won the 2006 World Cup regatta around Bornholm and now it is bringing the orchestra to Dover, as part of a series of celebratory concerts around Europe.

The orchestra is performing at Copenhagen, Gothenburg, Oslo and Boulogne-sur-Mer, as well as Dover.

The voyage, dubbed DFDS Seaways Under the Flag of Chopin, has been arranged in partnership with the Embassy of the Republic of Poland and the Polish Cultural Institute. It is also supported by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, Fryderyk Chopin Institute in Warsaw and Adam Mickiewicz Institute in Warsaw.

Thursday's journey across the sea will culminate in a performance by the orchestra at Dover Town Hall at 7pm on Thursday.

Conducted by Jacek Kasprzyk, the concert will feature rising soloist Ewa Kupiec and includes some music which is appropriate for the seaside setting. The programme also includes Chopin's Fantasy on Polish Airs and Andante Spianato and Grand Polonaise in E flat major.

Last year the orchestra played to a sell-out audience at Canterbury Cathedral, when Krzysztof Penderecki conducted his acclaimed St Luke Passion as part of the Sounds New Contemporary Music Festival.

Considered to be Poland's leading orchestra, it also acts as a cultural ambassador on the international art scene.

Born in a village in the Duchy of Warsaw in 1810, Chopin soon revealed himself to be a child prodigy pianist and composer. His education was completed in the city, but following the November 1830 uprising, he became part of the Polish Great Emigration when he moved to Paris.

He gave few public performances during his career, supporting himself by teaching and composing. For 10 years he shared a tempestuous relationship with female French writer, George Sand and their affair has been the focus of much interest, including a theatre show called The Last Ballade.



When Chopin first met Sand, she was the mistress of his friend, fellow composer Franz Liszt and he took an immediate dislike to her. But they later fell in love and their relationship ended just two years before his death.

His technically-demanding works are still extremely popular today, for although they are challenging, they also express great emotion and subtle nuances. Not only did he make major innovations to certain musical tech-

niques, he also invented the musical form known as the instrumental ballade.

Despite his genius, Chopin was not destined to live to an old age. Throughout his life he suffered from health problems and he died in Paris in October 1849, aged just 39.

Tickets for the concert cost £10/£8 and £25 for families of two adults and two children. To book visit the Visitors Information Office in Biggin Street, Dover or call 01304 205108.





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American writer Rich Rubin has created a Tarantino-style comedy thriller in Maid/Man, set in a seedy motel room where

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In David Barry's comedy drama, A Friend of Ronnie's, the past is about to catch up with an unfortunate pal of Great Train Robber Ronnie Biggs, 20 years after the crime.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10.50 for club members and £12.50 for non-members, who must book at least 24 hours in advance.

To book tickets, call 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk to reserve seats.



FARMING AND COUNTRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 18, and Sunday, September 19,
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Vintage tractors and machinery can be seen throughout the

weekend, including a working Davidson Threshing Machine. Other attractions include bird of prey displays, parades by Blean Beagles, ferret racing and rural craft experts at work. There will be plenty of crafts to observe and to experience.

Over the last 20 years, the festival has raised more than £61,000 for good causes, and this year all proceeds will be donated to the Demelza House children's hospice in Sittingbourne.

To find out more, call 01227 751144 or visit www.farming-world.co.uk.

HG WELLS FESTIVAL

Friday, September 17, to Sunday, September 19
The Grand, Folkestone

TWO celebrity guests will help to celebrate a great author's legacy at the second HG Wells Festival.

Newsreader Peter Sissons and novelist Sandra Howard, wife of former Conservative Party leader Michael Howard, will be making appearances at the festival. Budding authors have entered the £1,000 short story competition and the awards will be presented on the Sunday.

The theme of this year's festival will be two books HG Wells wrote while living in Sandgate 100 years ago: *Kipps* and *The History of Mr Polly*. The author's grandson, Professor Dominic Wells, will be taking part in the festival dinner and discussion on Saturday evening.

Events include a free opening reception with Wells' biographer, Michael Sherborne, at 6pm on Friday, and a history walk through Sandgate at 11am on Saturday. A tea party takes place from 2pm with Edwardian entertainment on the lawn.

On Sunday there is coffee with the VIPs at 11am and a buffet lunch for the short story writers and ticket holders at 12.30pm. For more details, call 01303 222222 or visit www.wellsfestival.com.



MANDY WINTERS

Saturday, September 18, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

COUNTRY singer Mandy Winters will be providing an evening of live entertainment this weekend.

Winters has toured America and Europe, winning fans with her outstanding voice and warm personality. She was born into a show business family, as her father Ronnie Winters had much success in the 50s and 60s as 'the Yodelling Cowboy' and her mother Nola was one of this country's leading sopranos.

Their daughter began her singing career at just 14, when she became lead vocalist of country band, American Brew. After several British and European tours, she was still just 17 when she embarked on a solo career.

She also won two awards at the Nebraska Country Music Festival in 1994. Winters has developed her skill at yodelling and is now possibly the best female yodeller in Europe.

She will be supported by BBC Radio Kent's Paul Harris and Paul James. The concert will be held in aid of Ramsgate and Broadstairs Sea Cadets, the Deal Pathfinders and the Granville Theatre.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10/£9. To book call 01843 591750.



ROBERT COHEN

Tuesday, September 21
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

WORLD-renowned cellist Robert Cohen will be giving a concert to raise money for the new Marlowe Theatre.

The soloist, conductor, chamber musician and teacher made his debut at the Royal Festival Hall aged 12. Since then his sparkling career has led him to become a professor at the Royal Academy of Arts in London and at the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana in Lugano.

Peter Williams, chairman of the New Marlowe Theatre Development Trust, first heard Cohen play during one of the first revived Canterbury Festivals.

"It was a magical experience, full of artistry and passion and I have followed his career ever since," he said. "We are delighted and grateful that Robert has given his services to help the campaign to build the new Marlowe Theatre."

"We are very fortunate to have one of the world's greatest cellists recognise the importance of the new Marlowe Theatre, both culturally and economically, to this corner of England."

There will be a pre-performance reception at 7.15pm followed by the concert at 8pm. Tickets cost £25. Call 01227 787787 or go to www.newmarlowetheatre.org.uk.



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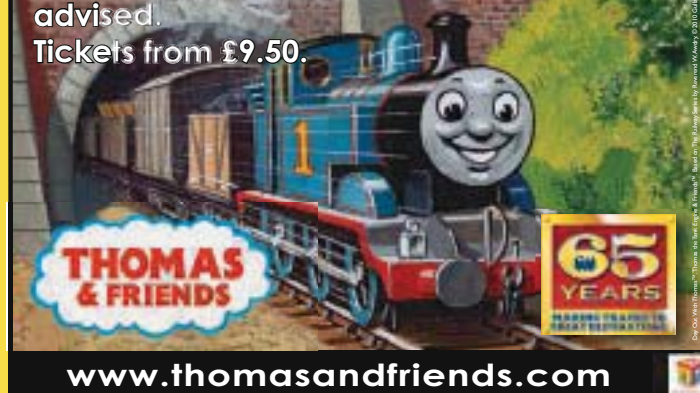
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One to watch

NOKIA N8 SEPTEMBER 23 will see Nokia launch its new N8. Nokia's dominance may have been overshadowed by the iPhone and all that talk of Android operating systems.

But remember, Nokia sells more phones in a month than Apple does two years, so the Finnish company knows its stuff. The N8 has a 3.5 inch screen, all the Facebook, Twitter and multi-media apps you could want as well as a cool music player and mighty 12-megapixel camera. And Pamela Anderson is doing the ads... Oh yes, the new N8 makes phone calls too.

Expected cost £480 sim free, contract around £30 a month.



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ANYONE who owns an iPhone knows the only real problem is its battery that doesn't last a day without recharging.

Apple fans will say it's because the iPhone does so much that you use it for everything; critics of the iconic phone say it's overpriced and Apple builds in obsolescence by sealing the battery inside.

So while other phones offer the option of carrying another fully charged battery to be truly mobile, Apple owners need to consider options like the Mophie Juice Pack Air.

It is in fact a really neat piece of kit, the latest from a manufacturer which has shown you can have longer life and good looks. It doubles your battery life and acts as protective cover.

There are two versions, one for the iPhone and the other for the iPod touch both around £60.

Running Wi-Fi, GPS and 3G on the iPhone 3G with the Juice Pack Air attached will yield about two full days of heavy use.

And similarly for the iPod touch we tested the juice pack on a 32gb version. Using it flat out for games, internet and music we saw 12 hours which really is double what the iPod touch normally managed.

The only disadvantage is while the case is on the loudspeaker doesn't work so you need headphones. And in place of the Apple lead you get a mini USB which can charge from your computer port or with common adapter plugs.

For my 13-year-old son it transformed his experience especially when we went on holiday. His 8gb Touch never went flat so long and he remembered to charge it when not in use. He also loved the slightly larger case.

First the iPod charged, then the juice pack. Effectively you can switch the juice pack on to recharge an ailing iPod too.

There are two groups of people who will benefit. Games addicts and iPhone users who use the full range of facilities. And I reckon that's about everyone.

Recommended 8/10.
See www.mophie.com

Sensible tablet?

DELL STREAK IS it a giant phone or sensible sized Apple iPad?

The new Dell Streak defies easy classification with its whopping five-inch screen allowing you to watch videos with less squinting and pinching it's sure to attract a following.

It has a camera in the front for video calls and one at the back to take 5-meg pictures (and video).

It packs a superfast 1GHz chip and SD memory cards so you can store as many movies and games as you need.

It runs Google's Android system (like the X10 below) which is the closest everyone else has to Apple's clever operating system but without the restrictions. Thousands of apps for every need you might have... and many you don't yet know you do.

A small, portable tablet then - a year ago we wouldn't have imagined such a thing.

Dell Streak, around £35 on contract with unlimited internet.



Why size matters to Xperia X10 users

SONY ERICSSON XPERIA X10

SONY Ericsson reckons the Xperia X10 is so good they even brought out a fun-size version the X10 Mini.

And this range of flagship phones is an entertaining choice with some nice software that brings social networking and media galleries together in two easily navigated streams.

The large Xperia X10 and its cigarette-box size brother, the keyboard-equipped X10 mini Pro, both look the part boasting a sleek, black body and sparkling screen.

And the phones have brains as well as beauty with powerful processors running Google's Android operating system and great cameras, with the X10 packing a whopping 8.1 megapixel shooter.

The mini is not far behind with a decent 5 megapixel offering.

Sony Ericsson has added its own features to the standard Android package, commonly called a skin.

This consists of Timescape - which brings together all your social feeds from Twitter to text messages into one media stream - and Mediascape - which does the same but for photos and video, allowing you to view albums on Facebook as well as those stored on your phone.

Timescape presents you with a smooth-scrolling stream of tweets, texts and status updates, but it's pretty much just a viewer. To see the message you tap once, but to reply you have to open a separate app, be it Twitter, text messages or Facebook.

Mediascape on the other

hand is a great addition, and it is nice to have all your pictures in one place, especially displayed on the X10's brilliant screen.

The only downside is currently the phones still run an elderly version of Android.

Stuck on 'droid 1.6, users miss out on Microsoft Exchange support, a deal-breaker for many business customers, and it can only support one Google account at a time. There are workarounds - I used an app which came bundled with the review phone called Moxier Mail. It does the job, but it's not the integrated experience it should be on a phone like the X10.

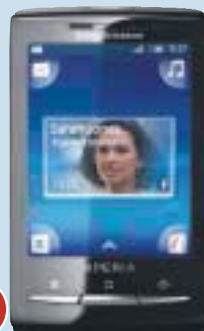
And despite the power of the hardware, you will find moments where the otherwise responsive screen drags and stutters.

But wait! News just in is that this month Sony Ericsson will finally be updating the whole Xperia range to Android 2.1. This means Exchange support, faster Bluetooth, live wallpapers and five home screens on which to keep all your favourite Android apps.

So now really is a good time to pick up this soon-to-be-even-more powerful smartphone.

Because compared to Apple's ubiquitous iPhone, the X10 is preposterously good value. It's free on most contracts, and you can find one for £255 sim free.

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This year promises to be bigger and better with the group recreate the true experience of Take That with replica costumes from the stadium tour The Circus, brilliant choreography and of course the music that everybody loves.

This superb show is packed with the hits including Back for Good, Relight My Fire, Could It Be Magic, Patience, Shine, Rule The World, Up All Night, Greatest Day and many more.

The event is being run to raise funds for Dave Lee's Happy Holidays, formed in 1994, which has since raised nearly £2 million to help send sick, disabled and underprivileged children from Kent on holidays and outings.

With the charity being run by volunteers from their own homes, the organisation is proud of the fact that there are no payments

for office rent or staff costs, so all the money raised goes to where it is needed most – the children.

Thousands of children and their families have enjoyed trips to Disneyland Paris, week-long holidays at the charity's caravans at Camber Sands, tickets to the annual pantomime at The Marlowe in Canterbury and even a trip to Lapland for 230 people to celebrate the raising of the first £1m.

Ramsgate Round Table is an organisation set to raise charitable funds in the local area. We have raised nearly ten thousand pounds for local causes this year including BBC children in Need, Demelza house, the RNLI along with smaller donations to local scout groups, youth clubs other charitable organisations.

To find out how to get involved, visit our website at www.ramsgateroundtable.org.uk.

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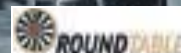
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Meet Tamara Drewe – country life will never be the same again

■ BY DAMON SMITH

A NEW life in the country is a messy business in Stephen Frears's rollicking comedy, based on Posy Simmonds's much-loved graphic novel.

Shot on location in Dorset, during an unseasonably hot spell last October, Tamara Drewe chronicles one turbulent year in the life of a young woman struggling to come to terms with the death of her mother.

The people she touches during the grieving process also undergo transformations, gaining the strength to make tough decisions about their personal relationships or pursue deep-rooted obsessions to their catastrophic conclusion.

Screenwriter Moira Buffini draws inspiration from Simmonds's illustrations to sketch finely detailed characters complete with moral flaws, retaining the spirit of the book while playing to the strengths of film.

Gemma Arterton is perfectly cast as London newspaper journalist Tamara, who returns to the cosy village of Ewedown to sell her late mother's cottage.

Blessed with a cosmetically-sculpted new nose and a sense of style that sets her apart from her Wellington boot-clad neighbours, Tamara turns heads of the men folk.

She hires childhood sweetheart and handyman, Andy Cobb (Luke Evans), to oversee repairs whilst encouraging lustful glances from celebrated thriller writer and serial philanderer, Nicholas Hardiment (Roger Allam), who treats his wife Beth (Tamsin Greig) like a skivvy and is ill-suited to the rural setting.

"I don't like cows. They exude bovine malice," he complains.

Temper flares when Tamara begins dating Ben Sergeant (Dominic Cooper), drummer and driving force behind rock band Swipe.

Schoolgirls Jody (Jessica Barden) and Casey (Charlotte Christie), obsessive fans of Ben,



LOVE RIVALS: Gemma Arterton as Tamara Drewe, and right, Jody (Jessica Barden) and Casey (Charlotte Christie)

harbour dreams of stealing the rock god away from Tamara, and they will stoop to any depths to get their man.

Meanwhile, Beth enjoys compliments from American scholar Glen (Bill Camp), who cannot disguise his admiration for everything that she does, gushing excitedly: "If it were possible to have an orgasm from food, these mince pies would do it!"

Tamara Drewe puts a joyful and sometimes darkly humorous spin on Thomas Hardy's *Far From The Madding Crowd*, with Arterton's sexy heroine at the centre of the bed-hopping and intrigue.

Allam's adulterer elicits pantomime boos with every act of treachery, and Greig tugs the heartstrings with a tour de force performance as a down-trodden cuckold, who notices her husband's natural glow after one liaison and innocently chirps: "You're buzzing like my electric toothbrush just after I've changed the batteries."

Cooper gets lost in the mix, while the double-act of potty-mouthed youngsters Barden and Christie pickpocket all the best exchanges, including one quip about teapot lids that might just turn out to be one of the lines of the year.



TAMARA DREWE
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TO THE RESCUE: Property expert Sarah Beeny has sound advice for housebuyers



YOUR TV REVIEW

HELP! MY HOUSE IS FALLING DOWN: Channel 4, 8pm, Tuesday

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

THIS latest television venture into the UK's mercurial housing market deals with families who have made singularly terrible decisions when investing in that 'dream home'.

Never mind that it has dry rot, wet rot, woodworm, a rat infestation, death watch beetle, masonry bees, and a flooding cellar – these families bought their wrecks anyway. And they did not even think to get a structural survey.

In this new programme Channel 4 has roped in property veteran Sarah Beeny to help hapless homeowners sort out their eye-wateringly foolish purchases.

I watched a couple from Garden Village in Hull struggle against their 100-year-old forever home, which was being torn apart by magnificent yet treacherous trees.

The roots had destroyed sewage

pipes and the trees' thirst for water had made the soil dry up and the house subside. This in turn had produced cracks in masonry and windows, leaving the whole place damp and rotting.

And woodworm was happily eating its way through floorboards and structural beams.

The show's producers dealt with this grizzly situation by introducing comically nightmarish music throughout, and a series of melodramatically colourless shots depicting the worst of the defects.

Even the usually upbeat Sarah Beeny has been told to keep her commentary to a hushed monotone, lending the programme a bizarrely gothic feel.

But the programme does have several redeeming features. Ms Beeny gives her usual brand of friendly, helpful and practical advice. She is also not too shy to tell people what needs doing.

The programme is littered with hints and tips for those with similar problems, from how to spot whether your woodworm is alive to the perennial plea to get a full structural survey.

And rather than introduce too much false melodrama, the couple I watched got to enjoy an experiment showing that, despite months of sleepless nights, their house was not actually going to topple down. The programme does show that, even if you have bought a ridiculously dubious-looking house, it will probably be okay given enough money, care and attention.

yourmusic

One-day charity festival plays on community spirit



■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE annual charity extravaganza that is Antfest is upon us once again, showcasing a wide variety of Kent's musical talent.

Organised by musician and promoter Anthony Martin, the one-day event has become a staple of the Kent music scene and 2010 has more bands than ever before, playing across two stages at the Command House in Chatham this weekend.

Headlining on the outdoor stage is Maidstone-based pop punk outfit One Day Elliott, while indoors Beneath the Harbour will be thrashing out their brutal brand of metal.

Also playing are unhinged folk act Los Salvadores, rockers Strange Day and punk band The Startover.

As well as raising money for The Arethusa Centre, Anthony says the event is about celebrating the diverse talent in the county.

He said: "I've been in bands since I was 17 and in my 11 years I've met lots of awesome people. These people are the first on my list when booking Antfest."

"Then I book young bands too so that they get to see and hang out with the previous generation of bands and maybe we can learn a thing or two from each other."

"We've got the old generation of bands like Los Salvadores, One Day Elliott and 3dBsDOWN still alive and kicking, the next generation of bands like The Startover and Adelaide progressing and doing really well in the wider world of the scary music industry and the younger generation of bands like Luke

Jackson, Escape From Alcatraz coming through and reminding us what it was like to be young, vital and energetic!"

"I like to keep a sense of camaraderie between the bands I book, any divas will not be pandered to and in the past I've refused to book bands again that don't fit in with the community ethos. It's fun and friendly and awesome!"

The Arethusa Centre is a Venture Centre which gives disadvantaged children the opportunity to take part in activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and sailing.

Anthony said: "The reason I raise money for it is because my grandfather Charles Tindal worked there after he retired from Kingsnorth Power Station until he sadly passed away."

Antfest is on Saturday, September 18, at The Command House, Dock Road, Chatham. The music starts at 2pm.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL: A montage from this year's Lounge on the Farm



BAND PRACTICE: Zinta Egle and her band play Love With No Love



TOP FIVE KENT GIGS

- 1 Craig Sheridan - Times Change, Deal
- 2 Ron Bowdery - This is Kelpie, New Eltham
- 3 Save Target As - You've Got Me, Deal
- 4 Vivid Nation - What Will Be, Canterbury
- 5 The Suspects - War of The Words, Margate



ISLAND PARADISE: The relaxed guest house on Banana Island, which was once a slaving port, and the red dirt road to Tiwai Island (below)

yourgetaways

Beautiful Sierra Leone has left the memories of war behind

■ BY JAMES EDGAR

AS we creep along the jungle trail it's difficult to imagine that just a decade ago this was a lawless land where rebels roamed.

Gun-toting militiamen ravaged this wildlife sanctuary deep in Sierra Leone's south-east forest, killing animals for food and fun, stealing anything they could find and flushing out the community.

Tony Blair had to send troops in to Freetown to rescue British citizens.

Now tour operator Exodus takes Britons back there on holiday; on guided group tours offering a mix of local culture, wildlife, great beaches and organised activities like canoe trips and midnight snorkelling.

Certainly, life is thriving again on the wildlife sanctuary of Tiwai Island.

Eleven species of monkey rule the forest and the elusive pygmy hippopotamus roams the beds of the lazy Moa River.

Scores of bird species live in treetops above the majestic buttress roots and dense bush far beneath.

We took a walk at dawn, a good time to see animals, and mysterious rustlings and cracking branches indicated there were plenty about.

Our guide, Mohamed Koroma, from Kambama village, started work in the forest as a teenager.

He talked about the day the rebels came: "When they reached the village, they asked us to cross with them. Someone refused and they killed him."

Tiwai Island typifies proud and beautiful Sierra Leone, a country roughly the size of Wales and 60 per cent Islamic.

Where terror once ruled, natural beauty now pervades and its people want to share it with visitors.

As you land in Sierra Leone, after a six-hour flight from London, all

FACT FILE: SIERRA LEONE

Time difference	+One hour (GMT)
Capital	Freetown
Language	English and Krio
Population	6,400,000
Currency	Leone
Religion	Muslim and Christian

James travelled with Exodus, which offers an eight-day trip to Sierra Leone, departing Jan 21, 2011, from £2,399 inc return flights, transfers, accommodation, activities, most meals and tour leader. Reservations: 0845 863 9601 and www.exodus.co.uk. Return flights Heathrow-Freetown with bmi start at £883. bmi reservations: 0870 607 0555 and www.flybmi.com.



you see from the window is deep green forest and rust-red earth. This can only be Africa.

At Lungi Airport on the western coast, the heat envelops you. Our long wait at the luggage carousel was eased by friendly West African greetings. Unlike many undeveloped airports, people are keen to help.

Lungi is across the huge natural harbour from Freetown, the bustling capital, so we caught the boat for the half-hour sea trip.

We explored the city on foot, via the indoor market, where bartering for wooden figurines and ornate fabrics is part of the fun.

Inside St George's Cathedral we found calm amid all the commotion.

In the heart of the capital is the iconic Cotton Tree, where Sierra Leoneans gather for celebrations. Its huge canopy spreads like a comfort blanket over a central square.

Freetown witnessed so much terror during the 1991 to 2002 civil war, but tourist chiefs plan to change this war-torn image.

To the south of the Western Area peninsula lie the Banana Islands,

places of incredible beauty which are scarred with an ugly history.

Sierra Leone was a hub of the slave trade, and the islands were slaving ports.

It's tough to visualise these atrocities as you stroll along the beaches and swim in calm, warm seas.

A few yards from the shore, beach huts are spacious and comfortable. At our request, restaurant staff swam out for fresh lobsters.

After soaking up the rays, we drove into the hills of the peninsula to Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary, which cares for 100 abused chimps before returning them to the wild.

Sierra Leone's second city, Bo, is six hours' drive from Freetown.

A walk around the maze of narrow alleyways in the food market challenges the senses. Chillies of every colour are strewn across tables, the smell of pungent dried fish fills the air and traders shout their prices.

A rough diamond in West Africa, Sierra Leone is rich in natural beauty and genuine hospitality, and eager to invite the world to share it.

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MOTORS NEWS



Just business as usual as Ford retains No1 status

FORD remains No1 in the UK motor market, after leading registrations in August and being overall sales leader so far this year despite the loss of the Scrappage scheme as a stimulant.

The top sellers are a familiar No1-No2 partnership of the Fiesta supermini and the Focus family hatch, while the brand's Galaxy MPV and Transit and Fiesta vans head their respective sectors.

Ford of Britain MD Nigel Sharp said the robust performance was down to clearer pricing, new ads and "our best ever vehicle range."



Chevy Captiva tuned to capture more buyers

CHEVROLET has updated its value-for-money five/seven-seat Captiva SUV to take it more upmarket.

Front end tidying up includes new corporate twin grille styling; the cabin has been upgraded; and there are new engines and transmissions with front-wheel drive and 4x4 layouts.

The new power comes from a 171bhp 2.4-litre petrol unit and two 2.2-litre turbodiesels with 163bhp and 184bhp and the most intriguing aspect will be how these interact with a re-tuned chassis claimed to improve the big Chevy's cornering, roll characteristics and ride feel.



Mazda bucks market

DARTFORD-based Mazda UK hit a new market share milestone in August - 3.8 per cent of the retail market and 2.7 per cent of the overall market, including fleet sales.

"We're bucking the industry trend and selling above our own targets," said David Wilson-Green, national sales manager.

In a market down 17.5 percent on a year ago, combined sales of models like the Mazda6 (pictured) rose 4.4 percent over August 2009 and sales so far this year are 17.9 per cent up on a year ago.



BIG DIFFERENCE: Kia's new Sorento couldn't look more different to its predecessor, it's lighter and handles better on-road, but it can still tackle rough terrain when the need arises

Big softy makes its point

HAVING produced one of the best value serious off-roaders in the business before, has Kia gone soft on us with the new Sorento?

The Korean brand admits it can sell more units by abandoning the 'rough tough 4x4' sector and Sorento prices are as keen as ever, though the £21,455 five-seat, front-wheel drive only entry model with a 2.4-litre 172bhp petrol engine is slower and thirstier than the 2.2-litre 194bhp diesel - the must buy from an extra £1,800 that also brings seven seats.

The Sorento now straddles the SUV (sports utility vehicle) and MPV sectors and is close to the Volvo XC90 SUV for a lot less money and with Kia's now universal seven-year/100,000-mile warranty.

It could not differ more from its predecessor; the classic 'body on ladder frame' for off-roader rigidity over rough terrain has made way for a one-piece body akin to a standard car.

It means the newcomer is lighter, more stylish and far better on-road, yet 4x4 versions (from £24,495) can tackle fairly dodgy terrain too - as I proved at the launch earlier this year.

ROAD TEST KIA SORENTO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

And now, after a whole week with the car, I like it even more. The diesel might sound a little gruff, but has plenty of low-down urge for this big car in busy traffic, while allowing economical cruising, averaging around 40mpg in manual or auto form - both six-speeders.

The car's height and bulk are controlled well when driven with spirit too, while Kia's increasing mastery of decent interiors at value prices is also evident.

However, the test car's silver-coloured plastic highlights already showed some scuffing, which does not bode well for how they might look in a year's time.

The cabin is huge and airiness was enhanced by a panoramic sun roof - with electric opening/tilt on the front section - standard on our £30,005 KX-3 4x4 flagship model.

Both rear rows of seats are easily managed for whatever mix of seating and cargo is required and second row seats rake so that passengers can snooze on long journeys; the new Sorento really does crossover/MPV duties rather well.

Of course, there are brand snobs who might crave more status, but why spend more and settle for a piffling warranty too?



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A3, TDI Sport, 2005, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player cruise control diesel electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint multiple airbags power steering sports seats traction control trip computer remote central locking isofix child seat points remote audio controls, grey metallic, 67000 miles, £9000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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Z4, 2.0 SE CONV, yb56rzc, half leather, multi-function steering wheel, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, stability control, trip computer, traction control, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, power hood, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, big enough to cope, small enough to care. out of hours contact 07956 158119, grey, 0 miles, £10900, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

Z4, 2.2 SE CONV SAT NAV, 1s04ghk, full leather, satellite navigation, air con, alarm, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric windows, power hood, cd player, radio, stereo, black, 52817 miles, £9999, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

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C1, 1.4, 2008, cd player central locking electric windows, red, 50 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £10990, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C1, 1.4 Rhythm HDI, 2007, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player diesel drivers airbag full service history immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags remote central locking, carlante grey, 4487 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Splash 5dr Hatch Special Edition, pas, abs, air con, remote central locking, front electric windows, radio/cd, passenger airbag, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, steel wheels, cloth seat trim, rear wiper, blue, 17540 miles, £6695, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Vibe 5dr Hatch, gy58vux, pas, abs, radio/cd, passenger airbag, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, cloth seat trim, full size spare wheel, steel wheels, rear wiper, front head restraints, red, 11340 miles, £5695, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

C1, 1.0i Vibe 3dr Hatch, gv57vmz, pas, abs, radio/cd, passenger airbag, steering wheel rake adjustment, drivers airbag, cloth seat trim, steel wheels, rear wiper, blue, 18035 miles, £5695, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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500, 1.2, 2008, abs brakes cd player central locking drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser, red, 55 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec TDCi "City Pack", 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid tinted glass traction control trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags remote central locking auto headlights and wipers multi functional tuneport (i-pod and mp3 connection) quickclear windscreen remote audio controls adjustable steering column body coloured bumpers 3x3 point rear seat belts height adj drivers seat, panther black, 4661 miles, £12500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.2 Edge, 2010, abs brakes alarm fitted bluetooth car kit cd player drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid trip computer twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking multi functional tuneport (i-pod and mp3 connection) quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, moon dust silver, 1888 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.6 Econetic TDCi, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power steering twin airbags remote central locking remote audio controls, avon grey, 5977 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec, 2010, abs brakes air conditioning alarm fitted alloy wheels cd player drivers airbag electric windows front fog lights immobiliser metallic paint power steering trip computer twin airbags remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, vision blue, 1264 miles, £11500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Edge TDCi, 2009, abs brakes alarm fitted alloy wheels bluetooth car kit cd player diesel drivers airbag electric windows immobiliser metallic paint power fold mirrors power steering reverse parking aid traction control twin airbags curtain airbags front parking sensors remote central locking quickclear windscreen remote audio controls, squeeze green, 7815 miles, £10500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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KUGA, Titanium Tdci, 782079, air conditioning, power steering, climate control, half leather, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, parking sensor, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, cd player, radio, rear headrests, auto-rip rearview, rain-sensing wipers, adjustable steering column, abs, cruise control, twin air bags, curtain airbags, trip computer, alloy wheels, 4x4, silver, 8500 miles, £17995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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PROPERTY NEWS

Follow the advice of the experts for a smoother move

Moving home can be a nightmare but LINDSEY DAYKIN of Pickfords Removals suggests some top tips to help make the stress much less!

1 CHOOSE A REMOVAL COMPANY

Make sure your movers are a member of the British Association of Removers. BAR is a trade association, which fosters fair practice and high standards.

2 CHOOSE A PACKING OPTION

The cost of your move will vary based on the type of packing service you choose, from a full packing service, just having your fragile items packed professionally or packing yourself.

3 COMPARE QUOTATIONS.

If you have invited more than one removal company to quote, check the quotations carefully. Different firms may recommend different services. Compare the number of days that the companies recommend the move will take and compare the costs of insurance and the types of packing services.

4 A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Show all the removal companies exactly the same household effects. Remember the loft, the garage and the garden shed. Your quotation will be based on the volume of goods that the removal company's sales person has seen.

5 CONSIDER STORAGE

If you can't move straight into your new home, short or long term storage at a facility close to your new home could be a flexible solution. Your removal company will collect and deliver your consignment to store.

6 BE AWARE OF UNEXPECTED COSTS

Some homeowners may experience a delay in receiving the keys to their new home and in these cases additional costs would be incurred.

7 ASK YOUR REMOVAL COMPANY FOR ADVICE

Most moving companies will be able to provide a hint and tips list. Plan all your tasks and delegate some tasks to other members of the family so that no one person is inundated with work.

8 TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS

A removal vehicle is the same size as a bus and may cause an obstruction in your road. Parking permits may have to be arranged, so check with your local authority.

9 MAKE A SPACE PLAN

Make a plan of your new property and mark up the position of the furniture. This will help the crew on delivery day to place furniture to your instructions.

• To contact the British Association of Removers go to www.bar.co.uk.



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A great time to get on to the property ladder

The heady lending days of mid-2007 might be over but BRIAN MURPHY, head of lending at the Mortgage Advice Bureau, says there are still a range of mortgages available

BORROWERS may no longer have access to 100 per cent mortgages, but loans at up to 90 per cent are now more in evidence and the bigger deposit you can commit, the better the deal you will obtain.

A company such as the Mortgage Advice Bureau would always recommend any borrower to seek the advice of an independent mortgage broker, who will assess your individual needs and recommend the most appropriate deal for your personal circumstances.

The costs of mortgages are generally at unprecedented low levels as a result of the bank base rate being at an historically low level of 0.5 per cent.

With lenders having started to regain their appetite for lending once again, many have responded with some very attractively priced products for all sectors of the market, including first-time buyers, home movers and those looking to refinance.

Potential borrowers need to demonstrate a history of being able to service existing bor-



rowing, including regular repayments of credit cards, unsecured loans and utility bills.

Income is obviously the cornerstone of the ability to borrow and lenders are now less likely to take into account variable elements of pay.

Borrowers at the moment are broadly split between those opting for fixed rates and those

going for variable. The vast majority of variable products are now tracker mortgages, where the rate is linked to a benchmark usually the bank base rate (BBR).

With lenders now under increased scrutiny to ensure that they are lending responsibly, mortgage interest rates are priced to reflect the risk that a particular loan to value or type of borrower represents.

Someone looking to borrow below 60 per cent of a property's value can obtain a mortgage for under three per cent on a two-year fixed rate basis, whereas a first time borrower looking at 90 per cent of the property's value will be looking at around 6-6.5 per cent for a two-year fixed rate deal.

For those who may think home ownership is out of reach, a number of schemes exist that are specifically designed for those on lower incomes or with limited deposits.

These shared equity schemes are government funded and are run under the banner of 'affordable home ownership'.

Specific details can be obtained at www.homesandcommunities.co.uk.

In short, an equity loan is offered that provides up to 30 per cent of the purchase price on which no repayments are required for up to five years.

The scheme is available under the title HomeBuy Direct to allow purchasers to buy selected new build properties on sites that have been approved through the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

Relax and save in your new home

WHEN you buy a brand new home life takes on an entirely different perspective.

It becomes more relaxed and there's an extra special pride and joy in welcoming family and friends to your new surroundings.

There are no nagging worries about getting the roof fixed or the windows and doors draught-proofed or making sure the heating system will see you through another winter.

In fact, you are moving towards a relatively trouble-free lifestyle that will enable you to do many more of the things you ought to have been enjoying before.

It will be cheaper to run and maintain, and much more comfortable all year round.

You can relax in the knowledge that your new home will have been designed and built to a high standard. In fact, this year customer satisfaction has reached record levels.

New homes are much greener too. They are built to exacting performance levels making them 60 per cent more energy efficient, generating savings of more than £500 a year on fuel bills against less efficient older properties.

New homes are built with materials and components that have been through the R&D



mill to ensure they provide maximum performance when they are an integral part of your new dwelling.

Architects and specifiers know they can rely on what the building product manufacturers make and consequently housebuilders have great materials and components to work with.

Every new home is extremely well insulated. They are fitted with high performance windows and doors, and include energy-efficient heating and hot water systems as well as low energy lighting.

If you live in an older home then within the next few decades you might find it necessary to bring it up to higher energy efficiency standards or you might have difficulty selling when the time comes. Carrying out this improvement work could cost as much as £30,000 for the average UK property.

But if you are buying a home built to today's high standards you are sitting pretty, and will already be making your considerable contribution to reducing UK carbon emissions.

The kitchen is usually the most important room in any new home, with a choice of stylish new units, the latest ovens and appliances as well as new tiling and floor coverings.

Bathrooms are now the second most important room in the house. Like the kitchen they add the other wow-factor to a new home. But modern bathrooms don't just look good, they do good as well.

In the average second-hand home, water consumption can be as high as 150 litres per person per day. In a new home designed to even the modest Level 3 of the Code for Sustainable Homes, water consumption is reduced to 105 litres per person.

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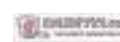


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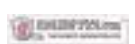
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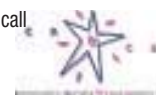
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AMBITIOUS: Darren Stevens wants to win trophies

All-rounder opens the door for other offers

CRICKET

KEY all-rounder Darren Stevens will be a keen observer of Kent's winter activity after admitting he does not want to see out the remainder of his career in a struggling side.

The 34-year-old has been the side's stand-out performer this season, which has not gone unnoticed, with big spenders Hampshire believed to have expressed an interest in the all-rounder.

Stevens, who is out of contract at the end of next season, said he wants to remain at Kent, but has concerns about the county starting next season with just a 15-man squad.

"I've had a good year, but I haven't spoken to anybody [at Hampshire] but I'm sure, and I'd hope, there are other clubs interested in me," he said. "But I've still got another year left on my contract and at the minute I'm still here."

"I love being here, they gave me a second burst at county cricket and it's gone really well for me. But the big thing is we all want to be looking to win games and I want to be winning trophies."

"The club have got to look at getting more players in, but the word on the grapevine is the club haven't got any money to bring in any more players. If that's all we have got next year then it's going to be a hard slog."

"If we have 15 players we might compete for three months of the year, for the last three or four we're not. Players need to be rotated, especially seamers."

"If there are one or two injuries we could be down to 12 players and you can't run a cricket side on that. That's where I feel for Keysey as captain and Paul Farbrace as coach."

City side keep up impressive start

RUGBY

Westcombe Park 12 Canterbury 29

AN EXCELLENT first-half saw Canterbury maintain their flying start to the season by beating Kent rivals Westcombe Park on their own patch.

The visitors ran in four tries to claim a bonus point before half-time. Although their performance level dropped after the break, Park were unable to breach Canterbury's defence all afternoon.

Danny Vaughan's men completed the league double over Westcombe Park last season and his side got away to another good start last weekend.

The hosts missed an early penalty, but Canterbury went on to control the first half. They took the lead on 11 minutes when a flowing move was rounded off by Gert De Kock. Tom Best slotted the conversion from out wide.

Park kicked a penalty, but the visitors extended their lead with another penetrating move, De Kock setting up a try for Mike Melford. The hosts had a man sin binned and Canterbury took full advantage, with Peter Kelly barging over for a third try, converted by Best.

A pair of penalties kept Park in range, but a second try from Melford gave Canterbury a 24-9 lead at the break.

Vaughan's side failed to hit quite the same heights in the second-half, but stout defending ensured their lead was never threatened. A fourth penalty was the only reward for the home side, who conceded a fifth try when Canterbury skipper Chris Hinkins touched down.

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POOR SEASON: Rob Key has had a torrid season and averaged just 27 runs in the LV= County Championship, but head coach Paul Farbrace says he is still the man to captain Kent

Captaincy key to stability in dressing room, says Farbrace

CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

KENT head coach Paul Farbrace has urged the club to reappoint skipper Rob Key as captain to help bring stability back to the St Lawrence dressing room.

Releasing Amjad Khan last month has unsettled some at the club, while rumours persist about the future of the likes of Martin van Jaarsveld, Darren Stevens and James Tredwell. The news the county are likely to start next season with a squad of just 15 and no room in the budget for an overseas player, also hasn't helped the mood at St Lawrence, but reappointing Key would help, according to Farbrace.

The club skipper has had a dire year with the bat, averaging just 27 in the LV= County Championship, but Farbrace, who admitted the captain hadn't had the best of seasons, insists Key will help bring stability to the club.

He said: "In Rob Key we have as good, if not the best captain in domestic cricket. He is committed to the future of Kent cricket and he

wants every player to stay and help turn things around. For me, the sooner he is reappointed as captain the better because he is someone who leads from the front."

"The club needs stability, it doesn't need rumour which unfortunately is happening - and cricket is like that at this time of year - but because of our financial position people are dreaming up all sorts of stuff. The bottom line is we want to keep our best players, we want to keep everyone in contract and we are trying to talk to all of the boys out of contract at the end of next year."

Kent's fate in Division One of the championship will be decided this week after their final game of the season at Yorkshire (which ends Thursday), but whether they stay up or go down, championship cricket may not be the priority next season.

In the past, to their credit, Kent have attacked all three domestic competitions and set out at the start of a season to win all three, but next year with a squad even lighter than this year's, the attention is likely to be on just one or two.

Farbrace said: "What are we aiming for next season? Maybe 20-over cricket is the competition we attack next year, maybe 40-over cricket as well, it could be both. Maybe those are the competitions we look to get some silverware in."

"Yes, we might be slightly handicapped that we haven't got a gun overseas player and we might not have an overseas player at all, but if the likes of [Ashley] Shaw and [Matt] Coles are bowling alongside the likes of [Simon] Cook, Stevens, Azhar [Mahmood] and Treddy, then it's not too bad a bowling attack."

"There's no point in trying to hide the situation, I think we've got to be open and honest and say this is where we are heading and we've got to make the most of it and we are going to need everybody's help, on and off the pitch."

Follow Kent's progress in their final game of the season at www.twitter.com/kentsport.

Picture: ADY KERRY

Pulman bags a late Town winner to net cup place

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Whitstable Town 1

Pulman 83

East Grinstead Town 0

THE BETTER side won at the Belmont on Saturday, but Whitstable Town left it late to book their place in the FA Cup second qualifying round.

Sussex County League side East Grinstead Town were seven minutes away from forcing a replay when Ian Pulman beat two players and fired home from the edge of the box.

It set up an away trip to Canvey Island of the Ryman Premier in the next round, but Town boss Mark Lane is more concerned about the league games at Corinthian Casuals and Chipstead in between.

He said: "It's nice to still be involved in the FA Cup. With Canvey being at home and in the Ryman Premier they will start as favourites, but I'm sure we'll raise our game and be up for the task."

"But my priority is the two league games in the next week. Both those sides are the sort we need to be picking up points from."

With half a dozen first-team players out



BACK TO WORK: Stephen Lloyd, who made his first appearance of the season

injured Lane was forced into a reshuffle, bringing in Stephen Lloyd at centre-half for his first appearance of the season.

The visitors were given a great opportunity to open the scoring as early as the second minute when they were awarded a penalty. Ross Cable was brought down by Kevin Fewell, but the Oystermen goalkeeper made amends by saving Luke Piscina's spot-kick.

Whitstable Town starting XI



Subs used: Cory (Wisker 55), Hossick (Goding 75), Fittall (Heard 75)

Reprieved, the home side went on to make most of the running before half-time. Stuart Vahid somehow contrived to miss a gilt-edged chance, while Gareth Cornhill saw his free-kick beat the goalkeeper, but come back off the crossbar.

The second-half was more lacklustre, but Whitstable were fairly comfortably defensively. Out of the blue Pulman lit up the game with a flash of quality, dribbling past two defenders before drilling a shot past the goalkeeper from 20 yards.

East Grinstead then pressed the self destruct button. Pulman chased on to a through ball which saw the visitors' goalkeeper Adam Woodward handle outside the area. He was red carded and to compound the situation, centre-back Peter Featherstone also received his marching orders for dissent.

Reduced to nine men, it nullified any late surge from the visitors as Whitstable comfortably ran down the clock. Attention now turns to Corinthian Casuals on Saturday, one of only two teams below Whitstable in the Ryman South table.

HOCKEY



Picture ADY KERRY

BACK IN ACTION: Canterbury ladies' Hayley Brown

Top flight beckons for city men and women

THE HOCKEY season returns this weekend with Canterbury in the top flight of both the men's and women's competitions for the first time in three seasons.

Following a two-season exile in the Conference East, Canterbury's men are back in the Premier Division after winning the promotion tournament in May.

The management have retained the core of last season's squad, including Trinidad & Tobago's Mickel Pierre. They have also added the skilful Matt Botha, attacking midfielder Tom Butt, Holcombe striker Liam Foster and England under-21 goalkeeper Jason Waitt.

The men's promotion means they have restored parity with the club's women's section. Emulating last season's fifth place will be the minimum requirement for new coach Nick Clark, who succeeded Ian Jennings this summer.

Hayley Brown and Susannah Townsend have returned, but will miss Natalie Seymour for the first few weeks, with the defender on duty at the Commonwealth Games.

Seymour was part of the England side which won bronze at the World Cup on Saturday, coming on as a substitute in the 2-0 win against Germany.

LEAGUE TABLE

(Not including midweek games)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Leatherhead	6	4	1	1	+6	13
2 Metropolitan Police	4	4	0	0	+8	12
3 Burgess Hill Town	5	3	2	0	+5	11
4 Bognor Regis Town	5	3	1	1	+5	10
5 Godalming Town	4	3	1	0	+5	10
6 Sittingbourne	6	2	3	1	+2	9
7 Chatham Town	5	3	0	2	0	9
8 Eastbourne Town	4	2	2	0	+2	8
9 Chipstead	5	2	2	1	0	8
10 Whyteleafe	6	2	2	2	-5	8
11 Walton Casuals	5	2	1	2	0	7
12 Faversham Town	5	2	1	2	0	7
13 Merstham	6	1	3	2	-2	6
14 Fleet Town	5	2	0	3	-4	6
15 Whitehawk	4	1	2	1	0	5
16 Worthing	5	1	1	3	+1	4
17 Dulwich Hamlet	4	1	1	2	0	4
18 Walton & Hersham	4	1	1	2	0	4
19 Ramsgate	5	1	1	3	-2	4
20 Whitstable Town	5	1	0	4	-4	3
21 Corinthian-Casuals	5	0	1	4	-5	1
22 Horsham YMCA	5	0	0	5	-12	0

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 VCD Athletic	3	3	0	0	+4	9
2 Greenwich Borough	4	3	0	1	+3	9
3 Herne Bay	5	2	2	1	+2	8
4 Hythe Town	4	2	2	1	+3	7
5 Sevenoaks Town	3	2	1	0	+3	7
6 Beckenham Town	4	2	1	1	+2	7
7 Corinthian	6	2	1	3	-1	7
8 Deal Town	4	2	0	2	-1	6
9 Fisher	5	2	0	3	-3	6
10 Erith Town	4	2	0	3	0	6
11 Norton Sports	2	1	1	0	+1	4
12 Erith & Belvedere	3	1	0	2	-1	3
13 Holmesdale	5	1	0	4	-3	3
14 Tunbridge Wells	2	0	2	0	0	2
15 Lordswood	5	0	1	4	-7	1
16 Sporting Bengal Utd	1	0	0	1	-2	0

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Cray Valley (PM)	5	3	2	0	+11	11
2 Rushall	5	3	2	0	+6	11
3 Stansfeld O&B Club	5	3	1	1	+5	10
4 Bridon Ropes	5	3	0	2	+4	9
5 Canterbury City	5	3	0	2	+1	9
6 Bly Spartans	5	2	2	1	+3	8
7 Hollands & Blair	5	2	2	1	+3	8
8 Lewisham Boro' (Community)	2	2	1	2	+2	7
9 Charlton Ath (Community)	5	2	1	2	-4	7
10 Phoenix Sports	6	1	2	3	0	5
11 Fleet Leisure	4	1	2	1	0	5
12 Sutton Athletic	5	1	1	3	-4	4
13 Tonbridge Invicta	5	1	1	3	-5	4
14 Bearsted	4	1	1	2	-9	4
15 Snodland	5	0	3	2	-6	3
16 Woodstock Park	5	0	1	4	-11	1

FIXTURES

(Tonight): KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Herne Bay v Norton Sports (7.45pm)

(Saturday) RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Corinthian Casuals v Whitstable

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Herne Bay v VCD Athletic

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Cray Valley v Canterbury City

Buster bags brace to help City tie Ropes up in a knot

FOOTBALL

Canterbury City 2 Bridon Ropes 1

BUSTER Smissen opened his account for Canterbury City as they came from behind to beat Bridon Ropes at Hersden.

The prolific former Hythe and Faversham striker netted at the end of each half to give City their second successive victory, which took them up to fifth in the early Kent County League Premier table.

An even opening saw chances at both ends, but the visitors took the initiative and opened the scoring on 16 minutes. A corner was missed by several players, allowing an unmarked Sam Fulilove to head home.

Bridon retained possession well and when City had the ball the visitors were difficult to break down. The home side did level just before the break, when a long ball from Richard Gamble allowed Smissen to sprint clear and prod past the onrushing goalkeeper.

Opportunities were at a premium after the break as both sides began to cancel each other out. The game looked to be drifting towards a 1-1 draw, especially after Bridon missed a gilt-edged chance 13 minutes from time.

As the game was still ambling along to a timid finish it was suddenly sparked into life when City took the lead. Macauley Murray was fouled on the edge of the penalty area and Smissen stepped



Picture DAVID MALLANEY

DOUBLE: Buster Smissen scored his first goal for City, then scored a penalty to seal a comeback win

up to brilliantly curl a shot into the top corner.

Up next is a trip to unbeaten league leaders Cray Valley this Saturday.

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